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OPERATION BUCHAREST

Our story takes place in the 1960's. At this time the communists controlled Russia. It was called ***The Soviet Union***. Many countries were in her iron grip, including Romania. *It was a reign of terror.*

THE INFORMANT SAID THERE WAS A BIBLE IN THERE!--WE MUST FIND IT!
YES, COLONEL!
VERY QUIET NOW! SHHHHHHH!
JESUS SAID "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS--I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU!"*
"--IF IT WERE NOT SO I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU!"
SHHH--SOMEONE IS OUTSIDE!---QUICK--HIDE THE BIBLE!
CRASH!
YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!

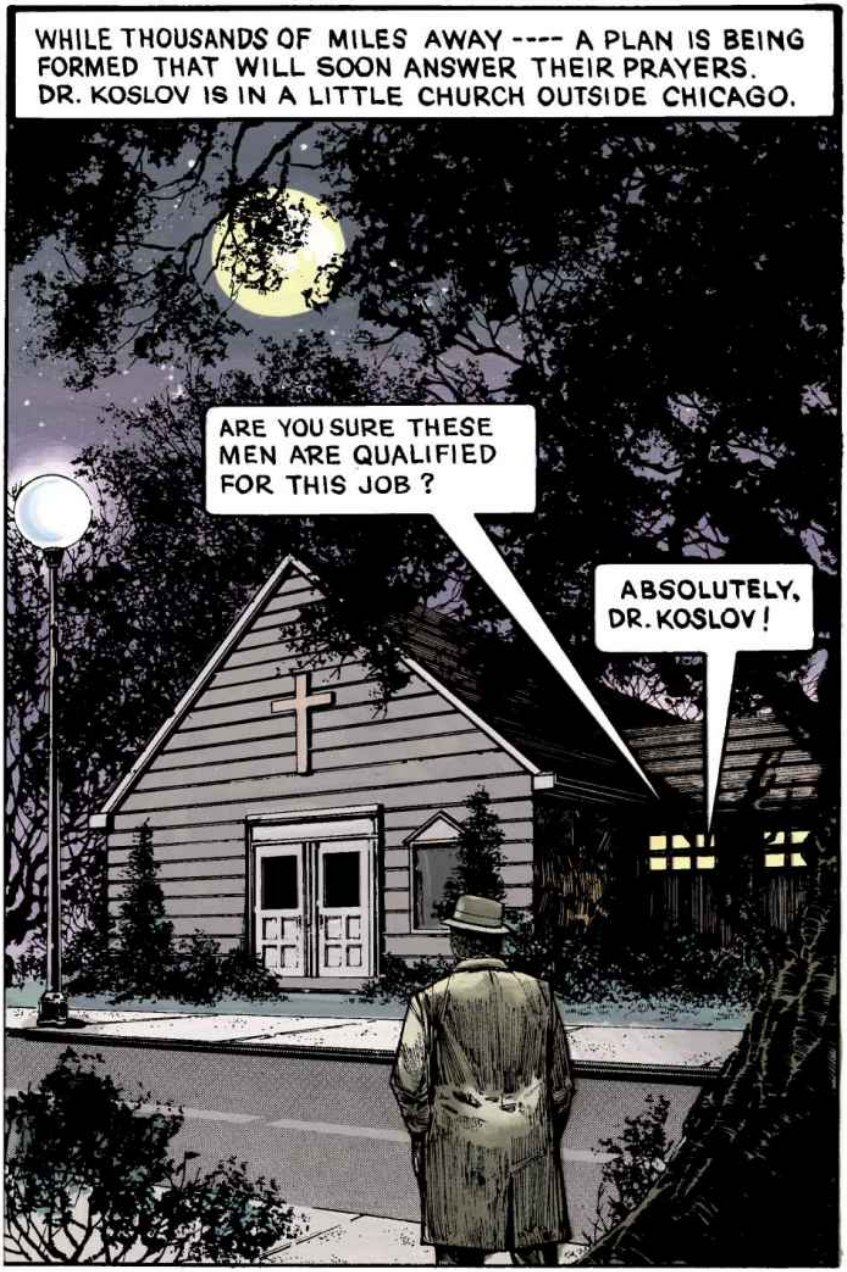
*John 14:1

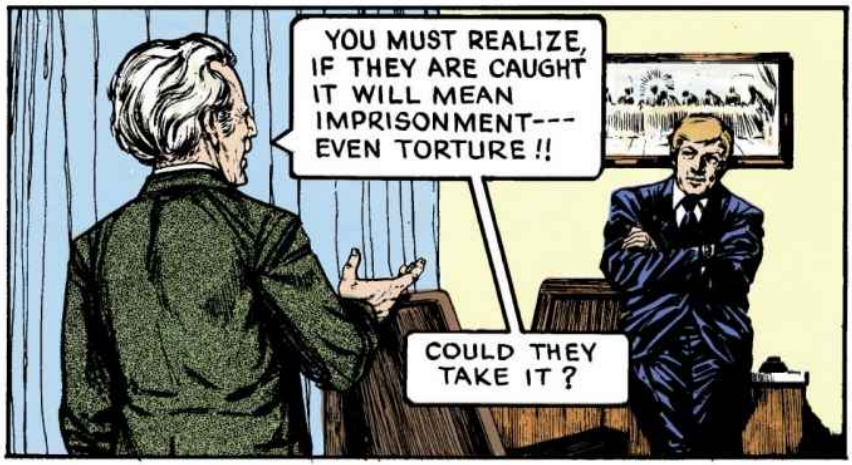
MERCY!*
OH, NO !!
DON'T HIT MY LITTLE GIRL!
THUD!
NO!
I'LL TAKE THAT CURSED BOOK!
I GUESS WE HAVE "JUDAS" HERE TO THANK FOR THIS RAID!
YOU OLD FOOL!
PUT THEM INTO THE TRUCKS!

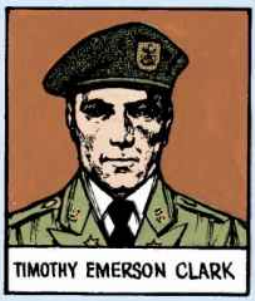
*Pro. 12:10b

PUT THE WOMEN IN THIS TRUCK, THE CHILDREN IN THAT ONE AND THE MEN IN THAT ONE OVER THERE!
YES, COLONEL!
IVAN--DID YOU HIDE THE BIBLE?
NO----THEY SAW ME BEFORE I COULD PUT IT AWAY!
WHAT WILL THE CHRISTIANS DO?--THAT WAS OUR LAST BIBLE IN THIS AREA!*
SHUT UP IN THERE!
LET'S PRAY THAT DR. KOSLOV WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIS TRIP TO VISIT THE CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA!
GOD WON'T LEAVE US WITHOUT HIS WORD!
WHERE'S MY MAMA?
I TOLD YOU TWO TO SHUT UP!--- YOU'LL PAY FOR TALKING AS SOON AS I GET YOU INTO PRISON!

* Amos 8:11, Psa 119:11

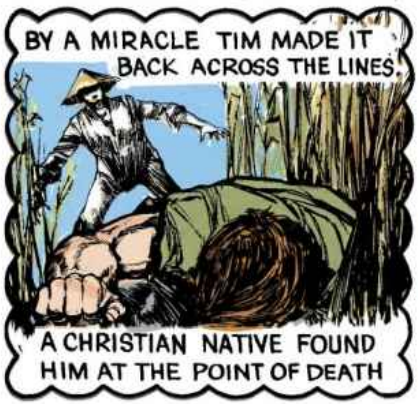

WHILE THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY ---- A PLAN IS BEING FORMED THAT WILL SOON ANSWER THEIR PRAYERS. DR. KOSLOV IS IN A LITTLE CHURCH OUTSIDE CHICAGO.
ARE YOU SURE THESE MEN ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS JOB ?
ABSOLUTELY, DR. KOSLOV !




TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK

TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD. HE WAS A GREEN BERET WITH THE SPECIAL FORCES. HE SPEAKS EIGHT LANGUAGES FLUENTLY. THE TEAM HE WAS ASSIGNED TO, WAS DROPPED BEHIND ENEMY LINES, ON A TOP SECRET MISSION-----

BECAUSE OF A SECURITY LEAK--- THE ENEMY WAS WAITING!!
ONLY ONE MAN ESCAPED!


BY A MIRACLE TIM MADE IT BACK ACROSS THE LINES.
A CHRISTIAN NATIVE FOUND HIM AT THE POINT OF DEATH

IT WAS THROUGH THE PRAYERS AND MEDICAL HELP OF THE MISSIONARIES--
THAT HE SURVIVED !

BEFORE HE WAS WELL ENOUGH TO RETURN TO HIS OUTFIT---- TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK WAS GIVEN THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST BY THE MISSIONARIES. THE SCRIPTURES * TOUCHED HIS HEART. BY THE TIME HE GOT BACK TO HIS OUTFIT---TIM HAD BECOME A RADIANT CHRISTIAN.

*Rom. 10:17

DID HIS WOUNDS DISABLE HIM?

NO--AFTER HIS DISCHARGE, THE MAFIA CONTACTED HIM TWICE TO JOIN THEIR ORGANIZATION AS A HIT MAN!

I GUESS HE'S IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE THEN.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER MAN IM SUPPOSED TO MEET TONIGHT!

JAMES CARTER

THE OTHER MAN IS JAMES CARTER---20 YEARS OLD. HE WAS THE HEAD OF A NARCOTICS RING-- AN EXPERT IN STREET FIGHTING TRAINED AS A BLACK MILITANT. HE HAS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE!

LOOK OUT MAN-- HERE HE COMES!!!

HE'S ONE BAD DUDE!

EVERYONE *FEARED BIG JIM CARTER-- EXCEPT...

*Pro. 29:25

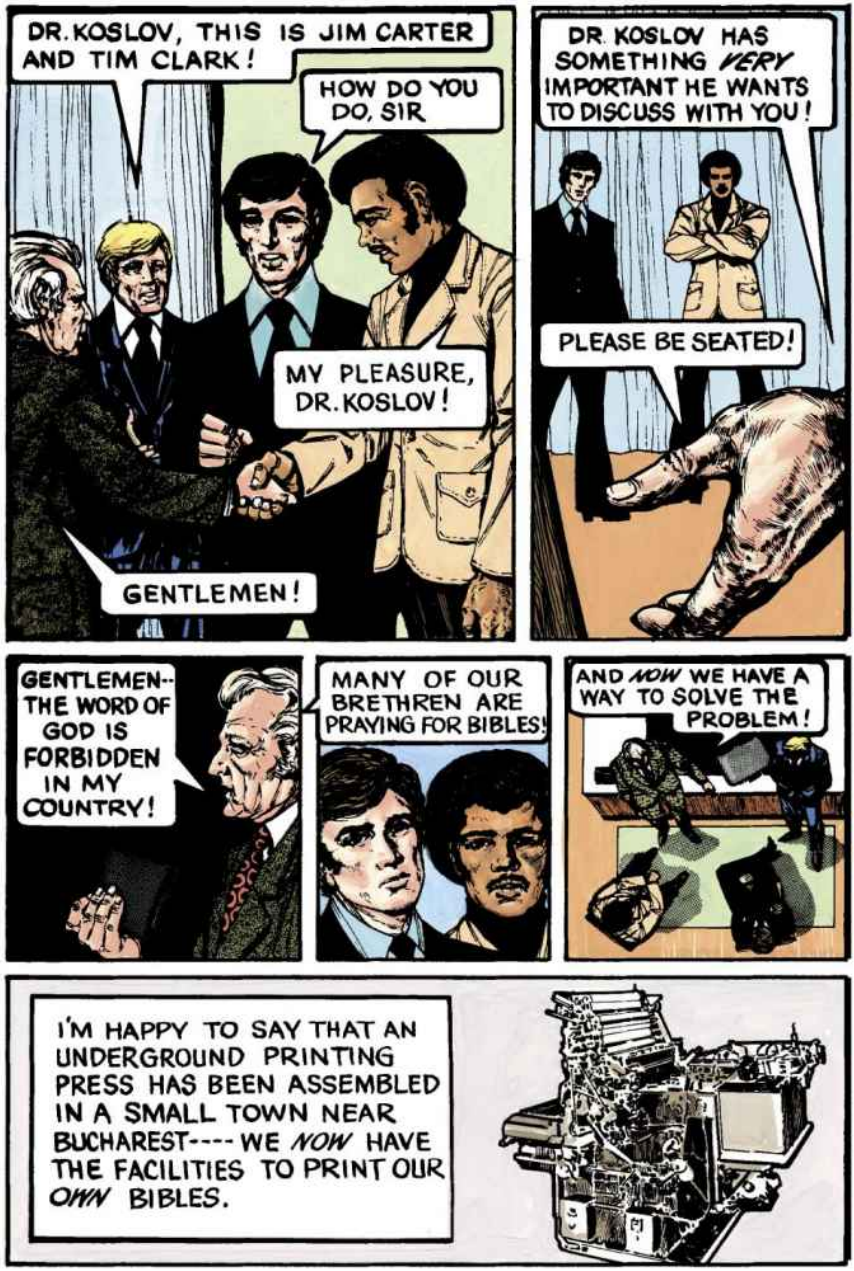
AN OLD PREACHER WHO HAD LOVED AND PRAYED FOR JIM SINCE HE WAS A CHILD.
ONE DAY THE OLD MAN WALKED UP TO JIM AND HE STARTED SPEAKING!
THAT OLD FOOL IS LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!
I DON'T GIVE HIM 5 MINUTES TO LIVE!
BYE, BYE PREACHER!
YOU'VE HAD IT--- PREACHER!
YOU CAN'T KILL ME UNLESS YOUR FATHER GETS PERMISSION!
MY FATHER ??? HEY MAN-- YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY FATHER!
OH, YES I DO!
YOUR FATHER IS THE DEVIL! IF CHRIST GAVE HIM* PERMISSION THEN YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND KILL ME!
WOW, PREACHER, YOU'RE TOO MUCH! YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT JAZZ?

*Job. 1:10-12

HOW COME YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ME?
I ONLY FEAR ONE PERSON!
WHO'S THAT?
THAT'S GOD ALMIGHTY!
YOURE TALKING ABOUT THAT PIE IN THE SKY--
NO! IM TALKING ABOUT JESUS!
YOU DON'T MAKE SENSE, PREACH! JESUS WAS THAT LITTLE KID BORN IN A MANGER AND DIED ON THE CROSS!
YOURE WRONG JIMMY! — JESUS CHRIST IS GOD ALMIGHTY!
LET ME TELL YOU HOW HE WAS BORN!
GO AHEAD!
HIS MOTHER WAS MARY! — SHE WAS A VIRGIN! --- NOBODY EVER TOUCHED HER! THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE FIXED IT SO MARY COULD HAVE A BABY WITHOUT A HUMAN FATHER--AND THAT CHILD HAPPENED TO BE GOD ALMIGHTY IN THE SHAPE OF A BABY BOY!
MAN! — THAT'S OUTTA SIGHT! WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE TELL ME THIS BEFORE?

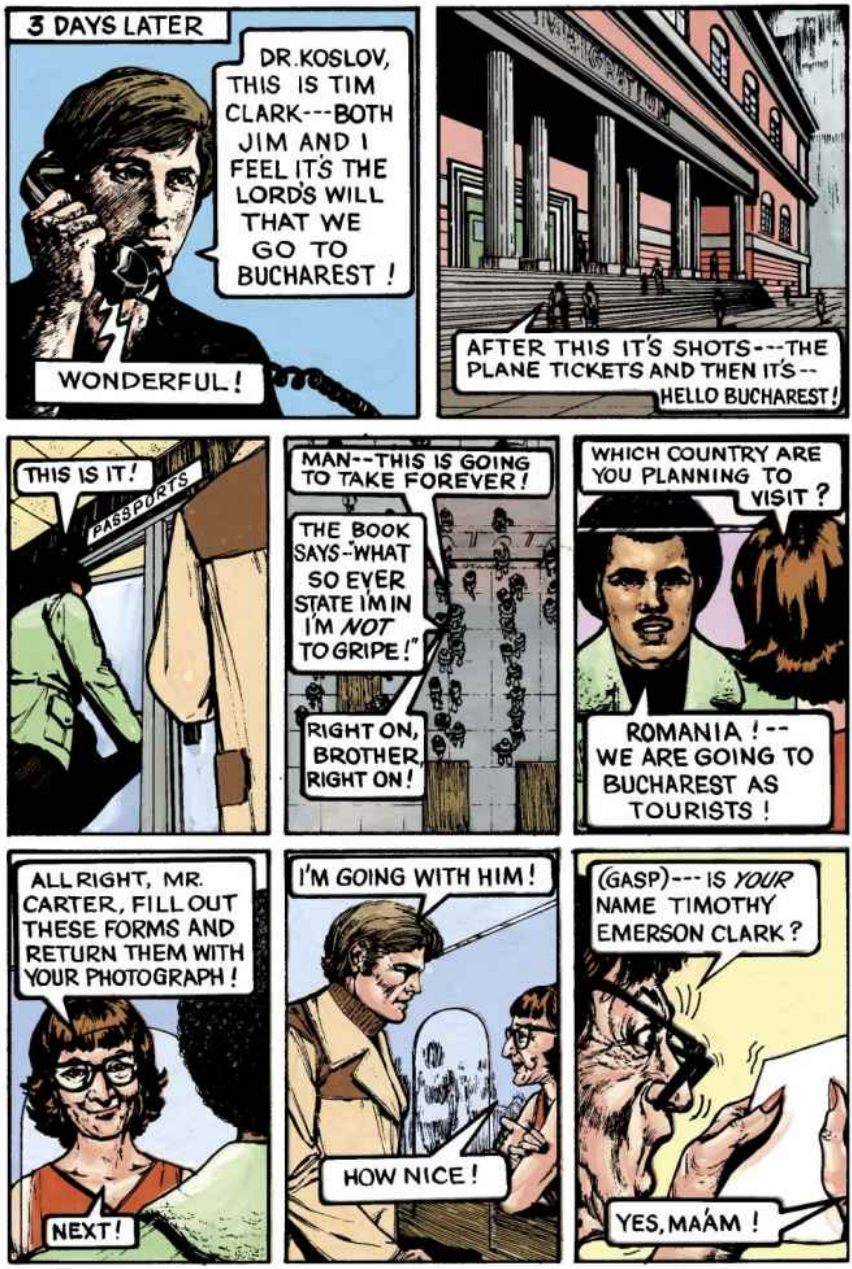
WHEN THE *CREATOR DIED ON THE CROSS, THAT HOLY BLOOD HE SHED WAS FOR YOUR SINS, JIMMY CARTER! IF YOU BELIEVE THAT --- THEN YOU'LL BECOME A NEW MAN!
THIS IS HEAVY, PREACHER! I'LL HAVE TO CLEAN UP MY LIFE FIRST!
NO WAY! -- YOU CAN'T CLEAN IT UP! --- HE WANTS YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE!
THAT DAY, JIM CARTER FOUND CHRIST.
MAN --- I SEE IT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
DR. KOSLOV -- BOTH OF THESE MEN LOVE THE LORD AND WOULD GLADLY GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR HIM!
I UNDERSTAND! -- NEEDLESS TO SAY I'M SOMEWHAT RELIEVED, BECAUSE THEY'LL HAVE TO SLIP BY SOVIET SECURITY GUARDS!
KNOCK KNOCK
BELIEVE ME, FOR THEM IT SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM!

*John 1:3,10; Col. 1:16-17; Rev. 4:11


DR. KOSLOV, THIS IS JIM CARTER AND TIM CLARK!
HOW DO YOU DO, SIR
MY PLEASURE, DR. KOSLOV!
GENTLEMEN!
DR. KOSLOV HAS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT HE WANTS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!
PLEASE BE SEATED!
GENTLEMEN-- THE WORD OF GOD IS FORBIDDEN IN MY COUNTRY!
MANY OF OUR BRETHREN ARE PRAYING FOR BIBLES!
AND NOW WE HAVE A WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM!
I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT AN UNDERGROUND PRINTING PRESS HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED IN A SMALL TOWN NEAR BUCHAREST---- WE NOW HAVE THE FACILITIES TO PRINT OUR OWN BIBLES.

AN EXCELLENT TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE HAS BEEN MADE OF THE ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND HERE IT IS!-- ON MICRO-FILM!
ONCE THIS IS IN THEIR HANDS- WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE UNDERGROUND BIBLES WITH-IN EIGHT WEEKS!
ISN'T THE SOVIET UNION EASING UP ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM?
DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ!--ANY CHURCH THAT IS OPEN, IS TOLD WHAT TO PREACH BY THE GOVERNMENT!
YOU SEE, TO BE A CHRISTIAN BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IS VERY DANGEROUS!
WILL YOU MEN TAKE THE MICROFILM TO BUCHAREST?
DR. KOSLOV, LET US HAVE ONE WEEK TO PRAY* ABOUT IT!
CERTAINLY, I UNDERSTAND!
IF THE LORD SAYS YES --- THEN WE WILL BE THRILLED TO GO!

*Phil. 4:6-7


3 DAYS LATER
DR. KOSLOV, THIS IS TIM CLARK---BOTH JIM AND I FEEL IT'S THE LORD'S WILL THAT WE GO TO BUCHAREST !
WONDERFUL !
AFTER THIS IT'S SHOTS---THE PLANE TICKETS AND THEN IT'S--
HELLO BUCHAREST !
THIS IS IT !
PASSPORTS
MAN--THIS IS GOING TO TAKE FOREVER !
THE BOOK SAYS-"WHAT SO EVER STATE I'M IN I'M NOT TO GRIPE !"
RIGHT ON, BROTHER, RIGHT ON !
WHICH COUNTRY ARE YOU PLANNING TO VISIT ?
ROMANIA ! -- WE ARE GOING TO BUCHAREST AS TOURISTS !
ALL RIGHT, MR. CARTER, FILL OUT THESE FORMS AND RETURN THEM WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPH !
NEXT !
I'M GOING WITH HIM !
HOW NICE !
(GASP)--- IS YOUR NAME TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK ?
YES, MA'AM !

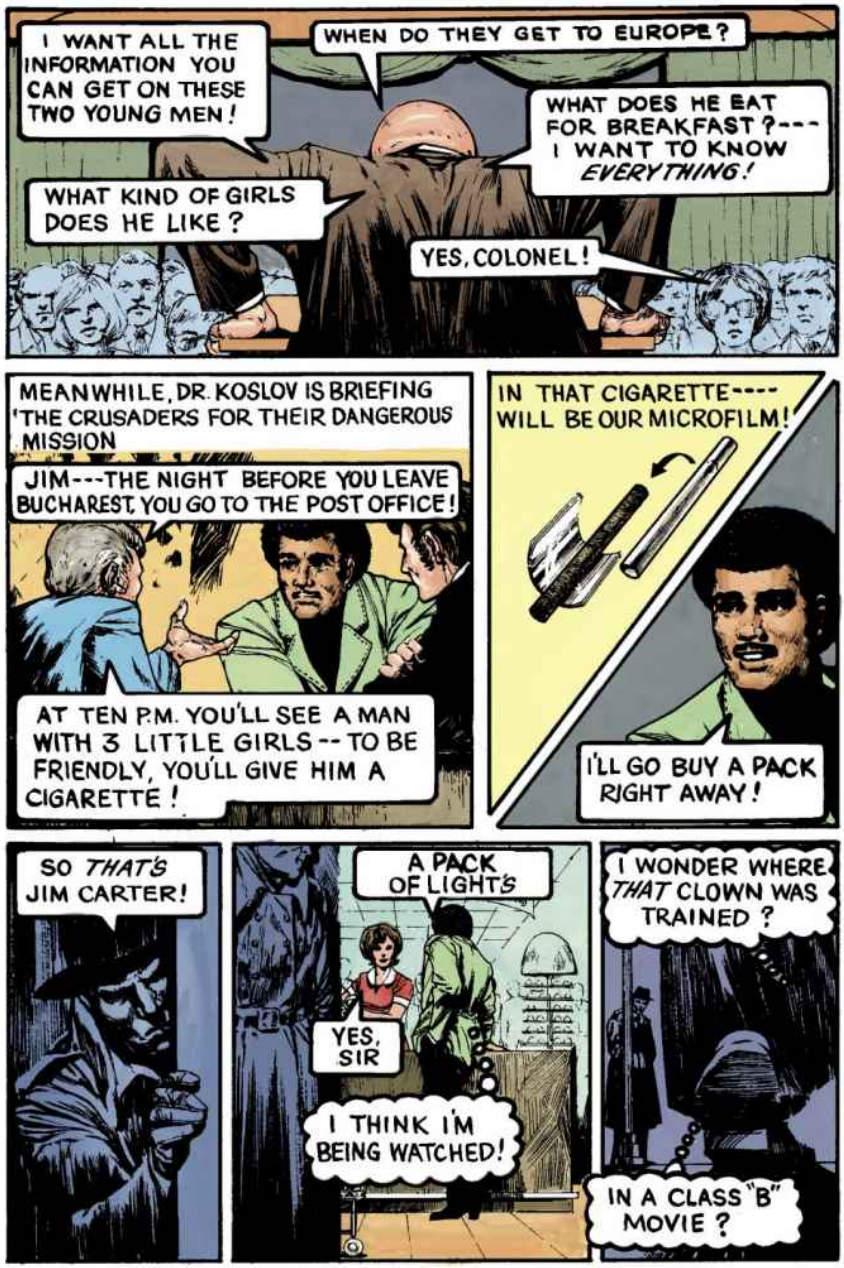
ARE YOU RELATED TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE?
YES, HE'S MY UNCLE!
MY GOODNESS, ISN'T THAT EXCITING?
AND YOU'RE GOING TO BUCHAREST WITH MR. CARTER?
YES!
WOW-- HAVE I EVER CAUGHT A BIG FISH!
YOUR PASSPORTS WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN ABOUT A WEEK!
HAVE A NICE TRIP!
THIS WINDOW IS CLOSED!
PLEASE
YOU CAN'T DO THIS! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ONE HOUR!
I'M SORRY--I'M CLOSED!
YOU'RE A TYPICAL GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRAT!
DROP DEAD!
WELL, MR. CLARK-- I'D HATE TO BE IN YOUR SHOES!

I'LL SWIPE THESE PHOTOS AND HIDE THE FORMS IN MY DESK---
THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG!
LADIES
SNAP
THIS SHOULD MAKE POINTS WITH MY SUPERIORS!
CLICK
I'M SURE MAX WILL GIVE ME ALL THE CREDIT!
I'LL SLIP THESE BACK ON-- AND NO ONE WILL BE THE WISER!
AT HOME THAT NIGHT
BEAUTIFUL, GERTRUDE LEVITS, YOU ARE A GENIUS!
THIS WILL MAKE A FEW WAVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE!

GERTRUDE SCORED! GET ME A FLIGHT TO STOCKHOLM RIGHT AWAY!
RIGHT, MAX!
COLONEL CHERKOV WILL BE PLEASED--I MIGHT EVEN GET A PROMOTION!
ONE WAY FLIGHT TO MOSCOW!
STOCKHOLM
IT MUST BE VERY IMPORTANT TO RATE A STAFF CAR, MAX!
IT IS, COMRADE!
KGB HEADQUARTERS, MOSCOW!
WHAT KIND OF A MOOD IS THE COLONEL IN?
LOUSY!
K.G.B., THE MASSIVE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY THROUGH WHICH ALL LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION IS RULED.
IS COLONEL CHERKOV IN?
YES, MAX, HE IS EXPECTING YOU--PLEASE BE SEATED!
YOU STUPID IDIOT!--I'LL HAVE YOUR HEAD FOR THIS!
I SEE HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD!
VERY!
NEXT TIME IT'LL BE SIBERIA! GET OUT!
SEND MAX IN!
IT BETTER BE GOOD, MAX!--YOUR TRIP COST US A LOT OF MONEY!
OH, IT IS, COLONEL, ---IT IS!

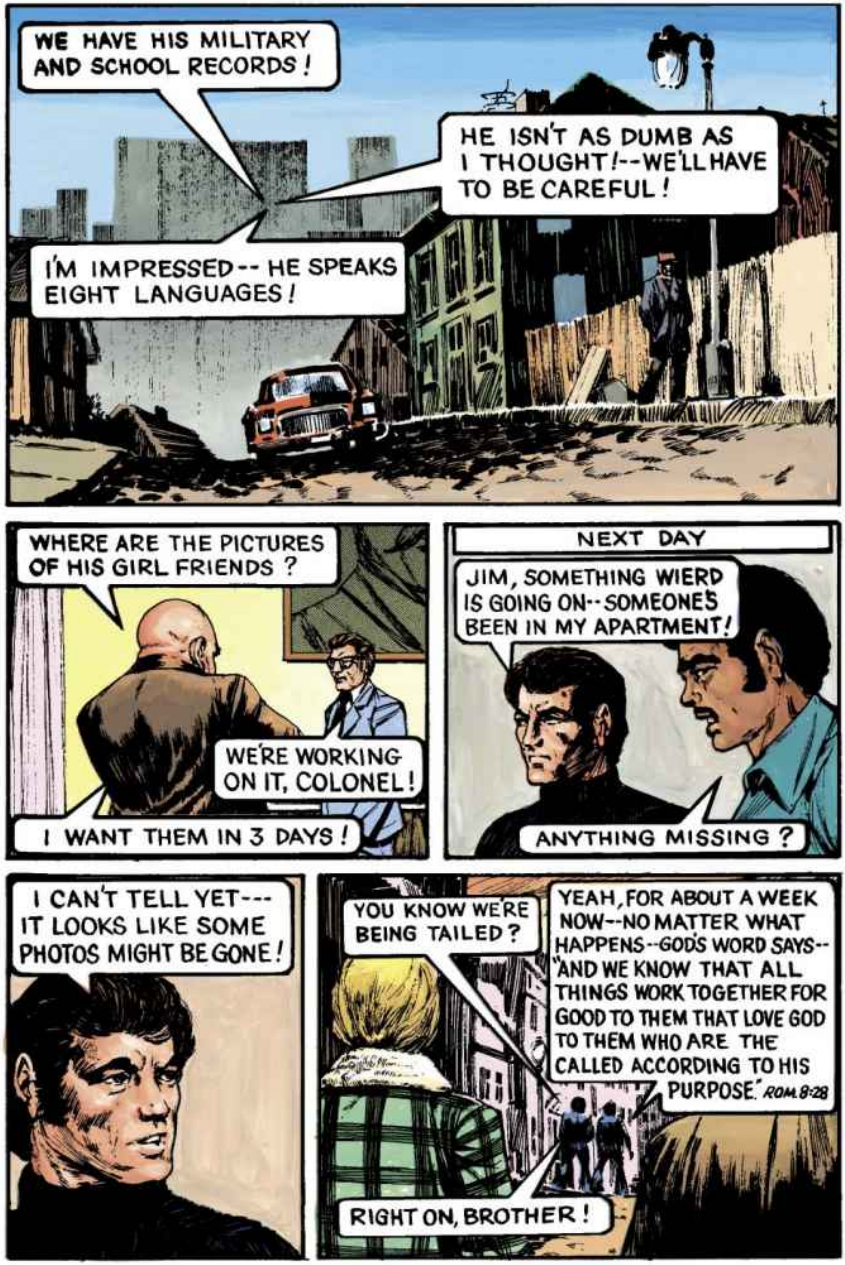
HAW HAW HAW
TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK! -- THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS, MAX!
YOU DID A GOOD JOB--- I'LL REMEMBER THIS! --YOU'RE DISMISSED!
I WANT MY SPECIAL STAFF ASSEMBLED AT 3 P.M.!
YES, COLONEL!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE FORCE IS GOING TO BE IN ON THIS!
IT MUST BE SOMETHING BIG!
I WANT YOUR ATTENTION!
BECAUSE THIS ASSIGNMENT HAS A TOP PRIORITY!
THIS IS TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK!-- THE NEPHEW OF --
TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK----THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE --WHOM I UTTERLY DESPISE!
OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE A SCANDAL!
THAT WILL DESTROY AMBASSADOR CLARK'S POSITION IN FRANCE!

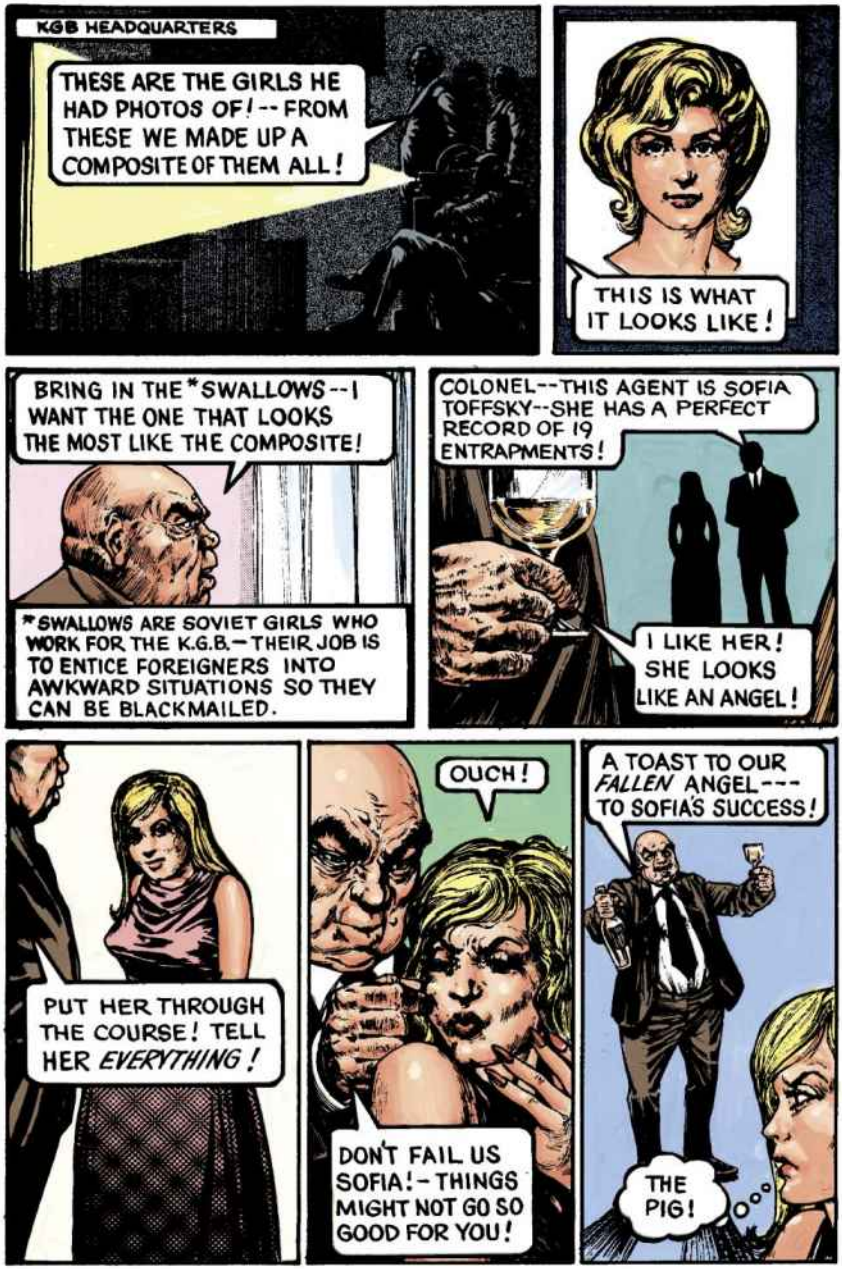
THIS YOUNG MAN IS COMING TO BUCHAREST AS A TOURIST!
WHILE HE IS VISITING THIS GLORIOUS COUNTRY--
HE IS GOING TO ACT VERY FOOLISHLY!
IT SO HAPPENS HE IS GOING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL AGENTS!
HE IS GOING TO DISHONOR THIS LOVELY RUSSIAN GIRL!
AND WHEN THE NEWS LEAKS OUT!--
WE WILL BE OUTRAGED!!
THE SOVIET UNION WILL DEMAND AN APOLOGY FROM THE UNITED STATES!
AND BECAUSE HE'S THE AMBASSADOR'S NEPHEW---
WE WILL PUBLICIZE HIS NAME OVER AND OVER AGAIN! PEOPLE WILL THINK THAT IT'S THE AMBASSADOR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!
WE'LL DEMAND THE INSTANT REMOVAL OF THE GOOD AMBASSADOR FROM FRANCE!
TO APPEASE OUR GREAT HURT!--- THEY WILL DO JUST THAT!
AND I WILL HAVE MY SWEET REVENGE!
THANKS TO THIS STUPID YOUNGSTER COMING TO BUCHAREST!


I WANT ALL THE INFORMATION YOU CAN GET ON THESE TWO YOUNG MEN!
WHEN DO THEY GET TO EUROPE?
WHAT DOES HE EAT FOR BREAKFAST?--- I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING!
WHAT KIND OF GIRLS DOES HE LIKE?
YES, COLONEL!
MEANWHILE, DR. KOSLOV IS BRIEFING 'THE CRUSADERS FOR THEIR DANGEROUS MISSION
JIM---THE NIGHT BEFORE YOU LEAVE BUCHAREST, YOU GO TO THE POST OFFICE!
AT TEN P.M. YOU'LL SEE A MAN WITH 3 LITTLE GIRLS -- TO BE FRIENDLY, YOU'LL GIVE HIM A CIGARETTE!
IN THAT CIGARETTE---- WILL BE OUR MICROFILM!
I'LL GO BUY A PACK RIGHT AWAY!
SO THAT'S JIM CARTER!
A PACK OF LIGHTS
YES, SIR
I THINK I'M BEING WATCHED!
I WONDER WHERE THAT CLOWN WAS TRAINED?
IN A CLASS "B" MOVIE?

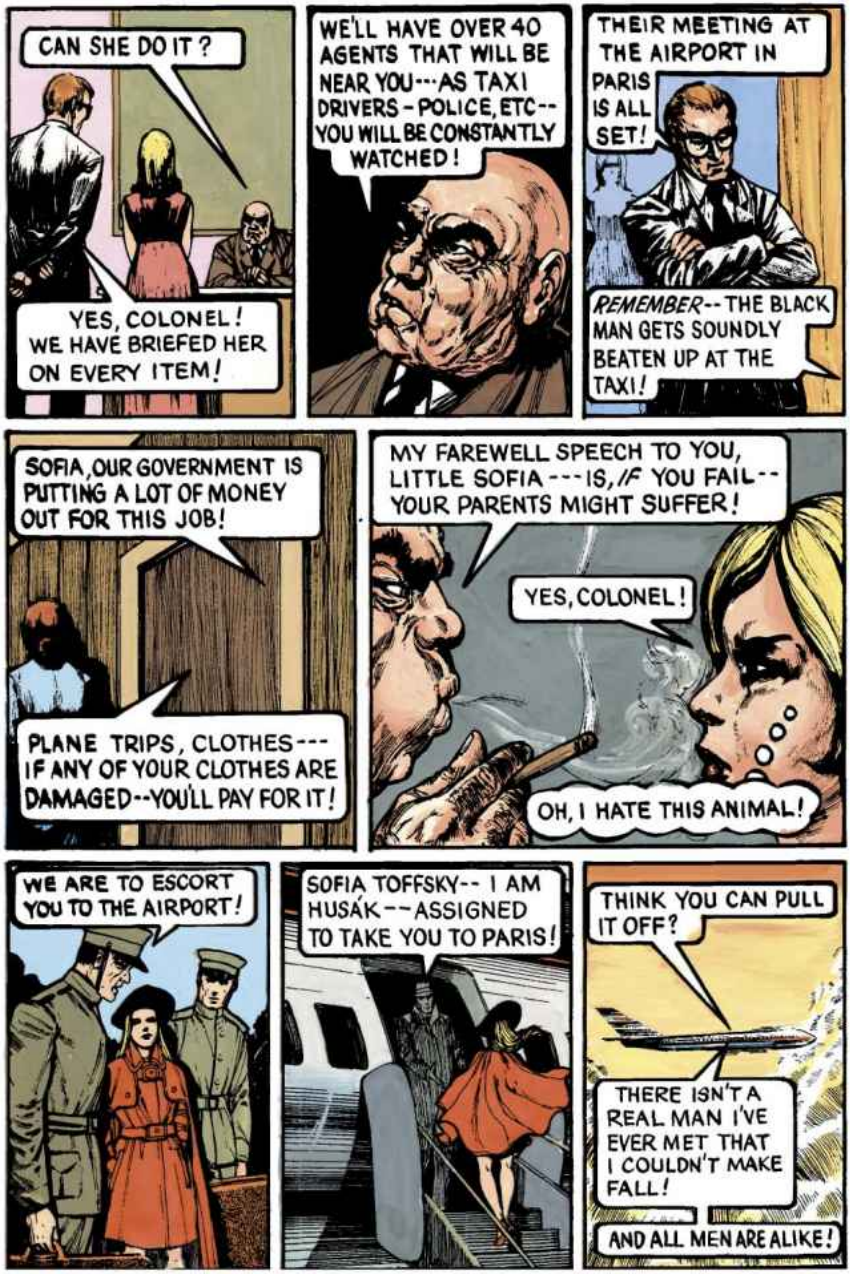
HERE'S THE CANCER STICKS, DR. KOSLOV!
GOOD, I'LL PREPARE THE CIGARETTE FOR THE MICROFILM!
ONCE MORE!-- AT 10 P.M. THIS MAN WILL COME OUT OF THE POST OFFICE!
WITH 3 LITTLE GIRLS!
WE'VE GOT IT, DOCTOR!
GENTLEMEN, YOUR PLANE LEAVES IN 2 WEEKS---I MUST GO NOW!
LET'S PRAY FOR GOD TO GUIDE* AND PROTECT YOU AND THAT YOUR MISSION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL!
DEAR LORD---TONIGHT WE COME BEFORE YOU------
BACK AT KGB HEADQUARTERS
WHERE IS THEIR SCHEDULE?
WE'RE WORKING ON IT, COLONEL---WE'RE WORKING ON IT!

*Prov. 3:5-7


WE HAVE HIS MILITARY AND SCHOOL RECORDS!
HE ISN'T AS DUMB AS I THOUGHT!--WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!
I'M IMPRESSED -- HE SPEAKS EIGHT LANGUAGES!
WHERE ARE THE PICTURES OF HIS GIRL FRIENDS?
WE'RE WORKING ON IT, COLONEL!
I WANT THEM IN 3 DAYS!
NEXT DAY
JIM, SOMETHING WIERD IS GOING ON--SOMEONE'S BEEN IN MY APARTMENT!
ANYTHING MISSING?
I CAN'T TELL YET--- IT LOOKS LIKE SOME PHOTOS MIGHT BE GONE!
YOU KNOW WE'RE BEING TAILED?
YEAH, FOR ABOUT A WEEK NOW--NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS--GOD'S WORD SAYS--"AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE." ROM. 8:28
RIGHT ON, BROTHER!


KGB HEADQUARTERS
THESE ARE THE GIRLS HE HAD PHOTOS OF! -- FROM THESE WE MADE UP A COMPOSITE OF THEM ALL!
THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
BRING IN THE *SWALLOWS -- I WANT THE ONE THAT LOOKS THE MOST LIKE THE COMPOSITE!
*SWALLOWS ARE SOVIET GIRLS WHO WORK FOR THE K.G.B. — THEIR JOB IS TO ENTICE FOREIGNERS INTO AWKWARD SITUATIONS SO THEY CAN BE BLACKMAILED.
COLONEL -- THIS AGENT IS SOFIA TOFFSKY -- SHE HAS A PERFECT RECORD OF 19 ENTRAPMENTS!
I LIKE HER! SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ANGEL!
PUT HER THROUGH THE COURSE! TELL HER EVERYTHING!
OUCH!
DON'T FAIL US SOFIA! - THINGS MIGHT NOT GO SO GOOD FOR YOU!
A TOAST TO OUR FALLEN ANGEL --- TO SOFIA'S SUCCESS!
THE PIG!

FLIGHT 120 FOR LONDON NOW BOARDING!
WE'LL PRAY THAT YOU GET BACK SAFELY!
THANKS FOR THE BIG SENDOFF!
SORRY---BUT WE MUST CHECK FOR FIREARMS!
NO PROBLEM!
GOT YOUR CANCER STICKS?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
MAY GOD'S LIGHT COME TO ROMANIA BECAUSE OF THEIR FLIGHT!
WOULD YOU GENTLEMEN LIKE A COCKTAIL?
NO THANKS, MISS!
I LIKE TO HEAR YOUNG MEN TALK LIKE THAT!
NOW MAYBE I CAN DRINK THEIRS!
MARTHA-- YOU'RE TERRIBLE!

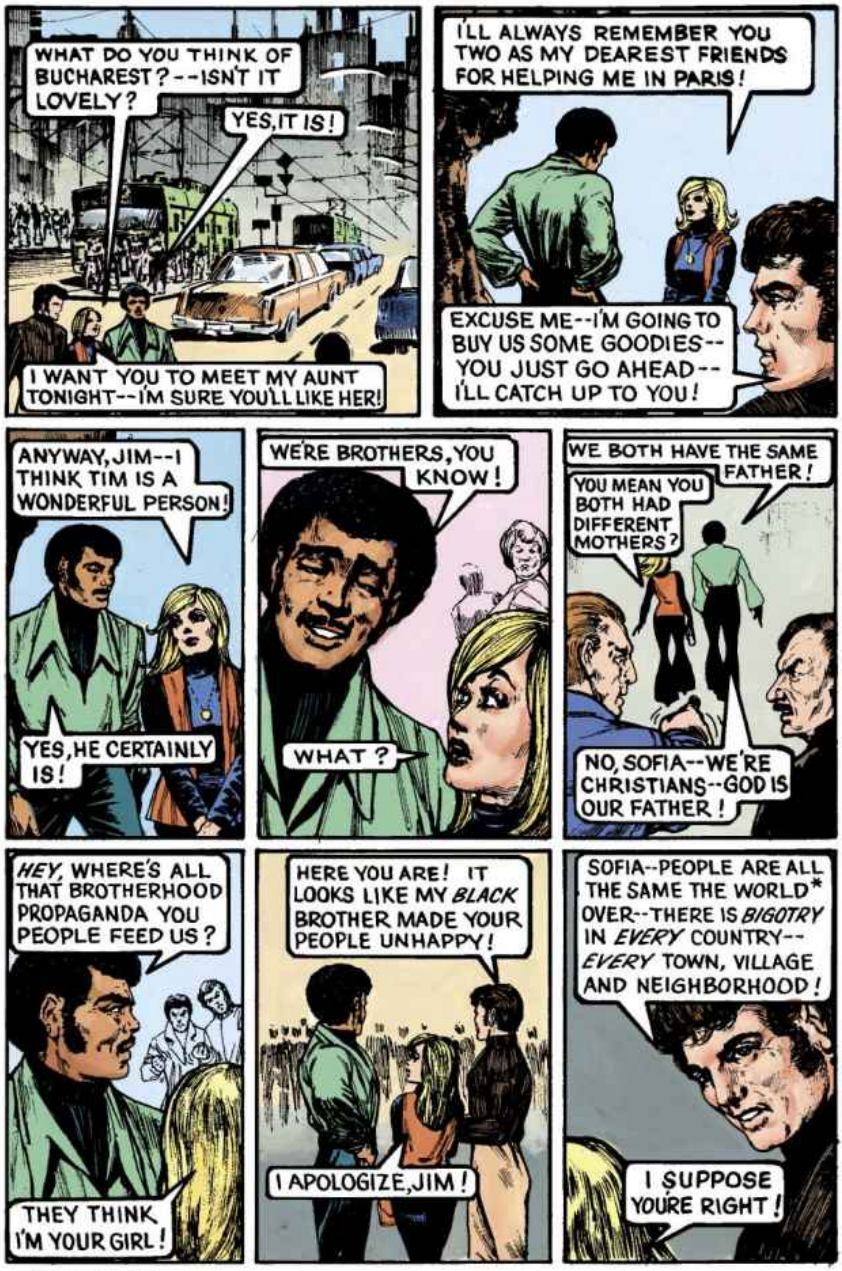

CAN SHE DO IT ?
YES, COLONEL ! WE HAVE BRIEFED HER ON EVERY ITEM !
WE'LL HAVE OVER 40 AGENTS THAT WILL BE NEAR YOU --- AS TAXI DRIVERS - POLICE, ETC -- YOU WILL BE CONSTANTLY WATCHED !
THEIR MEETING AT THE AIRPORT IN PARIS IS ALL SET !
REMEMBER -- THE BLACK MAN GETS SOUNDLY BEATEN UP AT THE TAXI !
SOFIA, OUR GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING A LOT OF MONEY OUT FOR THIS JOB !
PLANE TRIPS, CLOTHES --- IF ANY OF YOUR CLOTHES ARE DAMAGED -- YOU'LL PAY FOR IT !
MY FAREWELL SPEECH TO YOU, LITTLE SOFIA --- IS, IF YOU FAIL -- YOUR PARENTS MIGHT SUFFER !
YES, COLONEL !
OH, I HATE THIS ANIMAL !
WE ARE TO ESCORT YOU TO THE AIRPORT !
SOFIA TOFFSKY -- I AM HUSÁK -- ASSIGNED TO TAKE YOU TO PARIS !
THINK YOU CAN PULL IT OFF ?
THERE ISN'T A REAL MAN I'VE EVER MET THAT I COULDN'T MAKE FALL !
AND ALL MEN ARE ALIKE !

WELCOME TO PARIS!
I SEE THEM! THEY JUST ENTERED CUSTOMS!
THEY SHOULD BE OUT THE FRONT DOOR IN ABOUT 5 MINUTES!
I GUESS THE FIRST THING WE DO IS GET A TAXI!
HEY! THERE'S ONE — LET'S GRAB IT!!
OOPS — TOO LATE!
TAXI!
THAT'S MINE! I SAW IT FIRST!!

OUT OF MY WAY!
EEEK!
OUTSIDE MAN!
SOMEBODY HELP ME!
GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU IDIOT!
WHAT HAPPENED?
INCOMPETENT FOOL! HE'S STILL WALKING!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES!
THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN!
PLEASE SHARE MY TAXI WITH ME?
WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE ROYAL MONCEAU HOTEL!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! SO AM I!--COME ON--GET IN!
OH, MY POOR KNEE!

IT WAS SO NICE OF YOU TO INVITE ME FOR DINNER--- I'M LEAVING FOR BUCHAREST TOMORROW!
SO ARE WE, SOFIA--I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW THIS IS NO ACCIDENT!
DID I BLOW MY COVER?
I CAN SEE THE LORD'S HAND IN ALL THIS!
MORE LIKE THE K.G.B. YOU FOOL!
ON THE TRAIN TO BUCHAREST
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR RUSSIAN SOLDIERS?
THEY LOOK PRETTY SHARP!
THEY'RE THE FINEST ON EARTH--THEY COULD NEVER BE BEATEN!
YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR BIBLE, DO YOU SOFIA?
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH RUSSIA?
IN THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL, CHAPTER 38--- IT SAYS RUSSIA WILL BE DEFEATED WHEN SHE MOVES AGAINST ISRAEL!
GULP!--HE SOUNDS LIKE HE'S CRAZY!
THAT BOOK IS NOT TRUE! IT'S THE TOOL OF RELIGION TO SUPPRESS THE PEOPLE!
SOFIA--IT'S GOD'S WORD. IT TELLS US WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
7 YEARS AFTER WORLD WAR III, JESUS IS COMING BACK TO RULE THE EARTH!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING!
TICKETS!
OH--UH--OH YES--WE BETTER NOT DISCUSS RELIGION ANY MORE!
BIG BROTHER DOESN'T LIKE IT!

*II Cor. 4:3-4


WHAT DO YOU THINK OF BUCHAREST?--ISN'T IT LOVELY?
YES, IT IS!
I WANT YOU TO MEET MY AUNT TONIGHT--I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE HER!
I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU TWO AS MY DEAREST FRIENDS FOR HELPING ME IN PARIS!
EXCUSE ME--I'M GOING TO BUY US SOME GOODIES--YOU JUST GO AHEAD--I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU!
ANYWAY, JIM--I THINK TIM IS A WONDERFUL PERSON!
YES, HE CERTAINLY IS!
WE'RE BROTHERS, YOU KNOW!
WHAT?
WE BOTH HAVE THE SAME FATHER!
YOU MEAN YOU BOTH HAD DIFFERENT MOTHERS?
NO, SOFIA--WE'RE CHRISTIANS--GOD IS OUR FATHER!
HEY, WHERE'S ALL THAT BROTHERHOOD PROPAGANDA YOU PEOPLE FEED US?
THEY THINK I'M YOUR GIRL!
HERE YOU ARE! IT LOOKS LIKE MY BLACK BROTHER MADE YOUR PEOPLE UNHAPPY!
I APOLOGIZE, JIM!
SOFIA--PEOPLE ARE ALL THE SAME THE WORLD* OVER--THERE IS BIGOTRY IN EVERY COUNTRY--EVERY TOWN, VILLAGE AND NEIGHBORHOOD!
I SUPPOSE YOURE RIGHT!

* Rom. 3:9-12

YOU MEAN TO TELL US HE HASN'T EVEN MADE A PASS AT YOU?--YOU'VE ONLY GOT TWO DAYS LEFT!
HE WILL, COLONEL! I'M GOING TO ZERO IN ON HIM TONIGHT!
YOU BETTER DO SOMETHING!
TIM, SOFIA THINKS YOURE QUITE A GUY!
SHE SURE IS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL!
YEAH, MAN--SHE REMINDS ME OF A GIRL NAMED DELILAH!
IT'S A BUG!
DON'T YOU KNOW THEY BUG EVERYONE OVER HERE!--ARE THEY ON TO US?
I DON'T SEE HOW--IT'S PROBABLY A POLITICAL THING!
DINNER WITH SOFIA'S (K.G.B.) AUNT
SOFIA'S BEEN TELLING ME HOW MUCH SHE ENJOYS BEING WITH YOU, TIM!
THANK YOU--I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT SOFIA!
TIM, LET'S WALK IN THE GARDEN!
OK! COME JOIN US, JIM!
OH, NO---I WANT JIM TO TELL ME ABOUT HIS LIFE IN AMERICA!
ISN'T IT A LOVELY MOON--I'LL MISS YOU WHEN YOU GO!
I'LL MISS YOU TOO, SOFIA!
TIM--I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU--KISS ME?
HEY MAN!- IT'S TIME WE SPLIT!-- SORRY ABOUT THAT!

9 P.M. LAST NIGHT IN BUCHAREST
OK, SOFIA --- NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, WHEN CARTER GETS BACK, WE'LL DELAY HIM!
DON'T WORRY, THIS IS IT!
10 P.M.
PERFECT TIMING!
HEY, MAN --- WHERE'S THE LETTER DROP?
NO..... UNDERSTAND ENGLICH!
OK, FRIEND--HAVE A CIGARETTE!
THANK YOU!
I'LL TAKE THAT CIGARETTE!
WAIT FRIEND, I GAVE UP SMOKING ANYWAY!
LET HIM GO!
HERE! TAKE THE WHOLE PACK!
OK!
NOW--WHERE'S THE LETTER DROP?
INSIDE!
THANK GOD-- IT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED-- HERE IS THE MICROFILM!
NOW WE WILL HAVE BIBLES AGAIN!--*GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS!

* I Peter 3:12

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO IS IT?
IT'S SOFIA, LET ME IN!
TIM, DARLING-- I'M LONELY!
SOFIA, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN NEVER BE LONELY AGAIN!
START THE CAMERAS!
NEXT DAY
LET ME SEE THE FILM!
YOU WON'T BE HAPPY, COLONEL!
FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
JOHN 3:16
OH, GOD, FORGIVE MY SINS AND SAVE ME FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. COME INTO MY HEART, LORD JESUS!
YAAAAAH! SHE BECAME A CHRISTIAN!
NOT ONLY THAT, COLONEL (GULP) SO DID THE CAMERAMAN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!--I FAILED!
GOODBYE, GOD BLESS YOU BOTH--I'M READY TO LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR JESUS!
WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, SOFIA, WE'LL SEE YOU IN HEAVEN.
THERE SHE IS!- GRAB HER!
DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR SENDING TIMOTHY AND JIM TO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR LOVE AND FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FUTURE YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR ME.
SOFIA! GET BACK TO YOUR CELL!
THE END OF OPERATION BUCHAREST!

*I Thess. 4:15-18

Sofia's suffering is only temporary… very soon the *Rapture will take place and she will be with the Lord. She will miss the coming holocaust when 1/3 of the Earth is destroyed by fire and the ecology is ruined.

- Sofia will return with Christ and rule with Him in His earthly kingdom. Daniel 7:18 & 27, Zechariah 14:5 & 9
- She will have a glorious new body that can travel at incredible speeds and pass through walls. Luke 24:31, John 20:19
- Her body will be without pain, spot or blemish. Rev. 21:4, Ephesians 5:27
- She will have tremendous riches and power. Romans 8:17, Hebrews 1:2
- She will participate in a fabulous banquet given by Christ in heaven for his church. Rev. 19:9
- She will live with the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6, I Thess. 4:17

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Corinthians 2:9

Sofia made the right choice – If she had refused God's gift of eternal life through Christ, she would have died in her sins and been cast into the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read **The Next Step**, available at Christian bookstores or from Chick Publications.

*** "For the Lord himself (Jesus) shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."** I Thess. 4:16-18